



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1648**

**PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 03495.0358 (old 2356.0091)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
HOVANESSIAN et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1648  
Application No.: 10/820,816 ) Examiner: Agnieszka Boesen  
Filed: April 9, 2004 )  
For: **NOVEL SYNTHETIC PEPTIDE** ) Confirmation No.: 9491  
**VACCINES FOR HIV: THE CBD** )  
**EPI TOPE AS AN EFFECTIVE** ) Mail Stop AF  
**IMMUNOGEN TO ELICIT BROADLY** )  
**NEUTRALIZING ANTIBODIES AGAINST** )  
**HIV** )

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed May 1, 2007, the period for response having been extended to November 1, 2007, by a request for extension of 3 months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.